

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOSSES TO NFDC
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) is suffering huge losses on account of non-realisation of outstanding dues from various advertisement agents;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, agent-wise alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the amount recovered during each of the last three years and the current year, agent-wise;
- (d) the details of aggregate outstanding dues to be collected from such agents during the said period, agent-wise; and
- (e) the corrective steps/action taken by the Government to recover the outstanding dues and for strengthening of the NFDC ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. S.JAGATHRAKSHAKAN)

- (a) Yes Sir. Carried forward outstanding dues from various advertisement agencies for the period up to financial year 2003-04 is a reason for losses to NFDC.
- (b) No outstanding amount, due to advertisement agents, has accrued during the last three years.
- (c) & (d) As no outstanding amount payable to advertisement agents has accrued during the last three years, collection of the outstanding dues in respect of the last three years does not arise. However, in respect of outstanding dues up to the financial year 2003-04, NFDC has filed various suits to recover the dues and the matters are pending adjudication. Therefore, no recoveries of the dues could be made during the last three years.
- (e) NFDC has taken the following corrective steps/action to recover the outstanding dues from the advertisement agencies that accrued up to the year 2003-04.
 1. Legal action has been initiated against principal debtors for recovery of outstanding dues by filing cases in the High Court of Bombay / New Delhi.
 2. Demand notices have been sent to various debtors for repayment of dues and the same are being followed up.
 3. In addition to the above, information is being collected from Government agencies such as Income Tax Department, Registrar of Companies, etc., for obtaining details of outstanding dues towards NFDC in the books of defaulting parties and particulars of their Directors to support legal action being taken for recovery of dues.